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## **Dear Justices**

As a Consumer I have been using Microsoft's systems for what seems like forever and have never been forced into purchasing, accepting or being stuck with anything that I did not want, there were always alternative programs and systems available to me as a free consumer if I so chose to do so. As a Small Business Owner and user of Microsoft products and systems that have been made available to me, I found these programs and systems to be less expensive and more user friendly than other non Microsoft programs and systems. My business relies heavily on the cost savings that the Microsoft systems have afforded me and don't understand why Myself and thousands of other small business owners should be penalized to satisfy the desires of a Microsoft Competitor. I feel that it is time to accept the terms set and get on with the job of building the economy back to a point that produces jobs and revenue for the country.

Thank You for Your Time Bill Cook Cook Consulting